

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 7. The attached sheet replaces the original sheet that included Fig. 7. In Fig. 7, cross-hatching has been provided to show a cross section.

Remarks

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are currently pending in the captioned Application. Of these, claims 1 and 2 stand rejected as anticipated by Kamen ('310), while claim 4 stands objected to as depending from a rejected claim.

The Kamen reference fails to teach, consider, or suggest a salient feature of the present invention as claimed in claim 1, namely

... an atomizer coupled to the fluid output, the atomizer
configured to aerosolize at least a portion of the amount of fluid to
exit the fluid region.

The feature designated **51** in the Kamen reference (in Figs. 5-7) is a Fluid Reservoir as discussed in the first paragraph of column 7 of Kamen. The fluid reservoir of Kamen is not an atomizer (designated as **107** in Fig. 1 of the present application, or **202c** in Fig. 2) but merely serves for storage of a fluid. The present application describes the use and function of an atomizer (see the discussion of paragraphs 33-34, for example) in creating an aerosol, and provides an exemplary device feature, none of which are taught or suggested in Kamen.

Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the atomizer limitation of claim 3, now canceled.

Claims 1 and 2, therefore, are allowable over Kamen, as is dependent claim 4. The Application is thus deemed to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

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Respectfully submitted,

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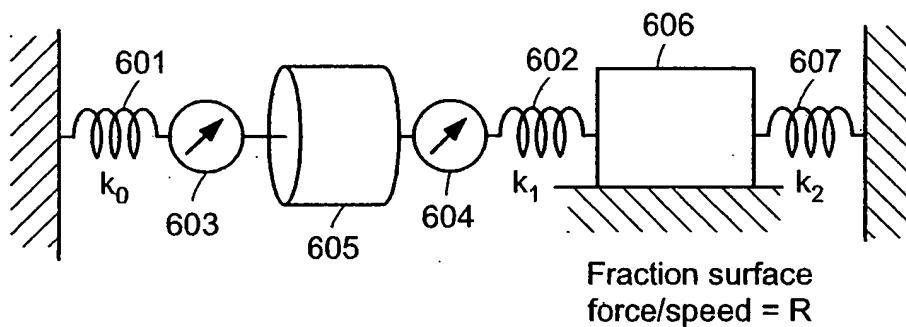


FIG. 6

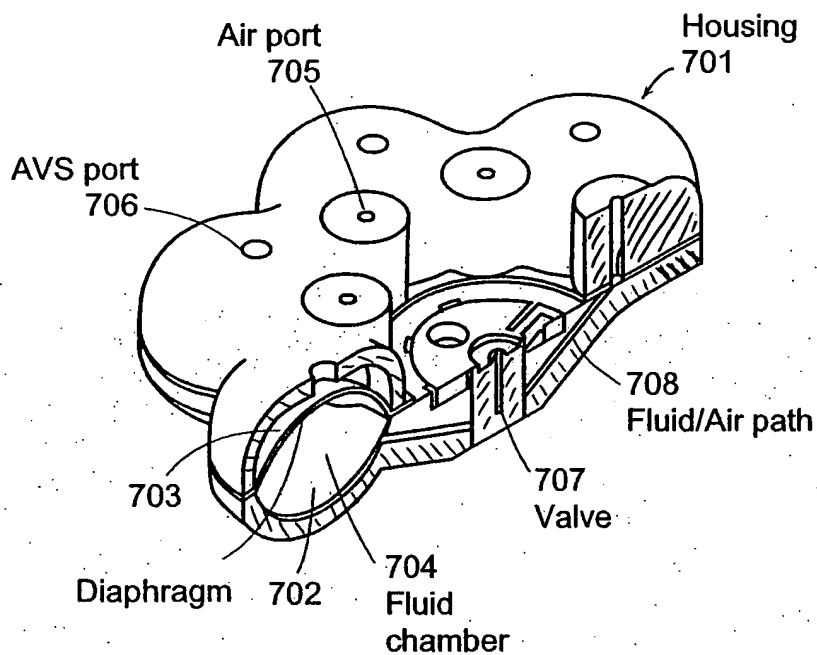


FIG. 7